

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD,
WE SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST.



ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
10:30 AM

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INTRODUCTION

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Saintly Sinners, Sinful Saints

All Saints Sunday and the appointed readings are pregnant with themes of stark contrast: death and life, condemnation and redemption, sorrow and joy, suffering and relief, present life and future life. Such is life, too, as baptized children of God. The very nature of our lives is stark contrast.

By virtue of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are made saints while we are still sinners. Every day in this juxtaposed life we navigate through rough waters such as sin, evil, pain, heartache, addiction, abuse, hunger, disease, and war. But our bearing is always set, not by the North Star but by the Daystar, who has been the heading for the faithful of every generation. With the scriptures as our compass and the confessions our map, we sail as a part of the great flotilla of saints on the waters of baptism, with the wind of the Spirit at our backs, always pointed in the direction of our guiding Daystar.

Today we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the saints still among us, and for the saints of God still to come. We give thanks for the examples of faithful living that the saints have given us as they navigated the stormy waters of life, and also for the faithful acts of service we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit to do in our own seas. We give thanks, too, for the fullness of eternal life in which the saints of God who have gone before us now partake and which we have yet to fully enjoy.

*** indicates to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pr. Mallory Morris

** CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
**we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

** FORGIVENESS

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you. **Amen.**

** GATHERING HYMN

"For All the Saints" (verses 1-3, 7)



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



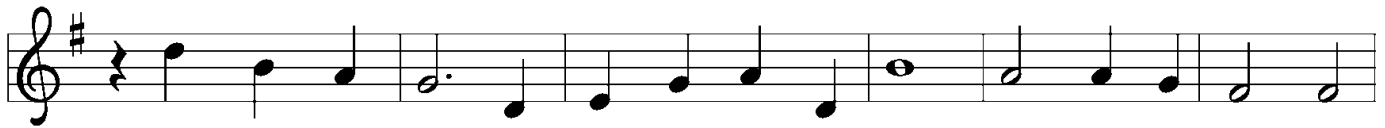
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.
blest.

**** GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Assisting Minister

Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PSALMODY & WORD

PSALM 27

"The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation"

Repeated after the music minister and between verses:

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, of
whom should I be a - fraid? Of whom should I be a - fraid?

Verse 1 The Lord is my light and my help. Whom should I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life Before whom should I shrink?

Verse 2 There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long:
To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Verse 3 I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
Hope in God, and take heart; hope in the Lord!

PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord, from everlasting to everlasting, you enlighten the hearts of your children and reveal your power to save. We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM 23

"Shepherd Me, O God"

Repeated after the music minister and between verses:

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from
death in - to life. life.

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 to stanza 4

- Verse 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
- Verse 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
My spirit shall sing the music of your name.
- Verse 3 Though I should wander the valley of death
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
- Verse 4 You have set me a banquet of love
In the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
- Verse 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, good and gracious Shepherd, by your death you took away the sting of death. Strengthen us to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM 80

"Lord, Make Us Turn to You"

Repeated after the music minister and between verses:

Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and

we shall be saved.

final ending

Verse 1 Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne, and shine forth;
Oh, rouse your power, and come to save us.

Verse 2 We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live;
Reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people.

Verse 3 If you will dwell with, we shall live anew in your love;
Oh, shine upon us, great Lord of Life.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. On this day, we are mindful of the lives of the saints who have touched our lives and now dwell with you in light. As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more, and at last we will see your face. **Amen**

** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



** GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM

"The Clouds' Veil"
by Liam Lawton
Chancel Choir

Even though the rain hides the stars,
Even though the mist swirls the hills,
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
God is by my side.

Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,
Even when, at dawn, the sky shall weep,
Even in the night when storms shall rise,
God is by my side.

Deep the feast of life
Where saints shall gather in deep peace,
Deep in heaven's light,
Where sorrows pass beyond death's sleep.

Blest are they who sing
The fellowship of saints in light.
Blest is heaven's King.
All saints adore the Lord, Most High.

CELEBRATION OF THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

The Apostles' Creed professes our belief in the Communion of Saints. This is the idea that saints in heaven and saints on earth remain united, unseparated by death, as members of Christ's body. We who continue our journey on earth share in the presence of our departed loved ones. These souls, who, now that they live in the presence of God are the saints in light. This next part of the service remembers those in our community who have passed, celebrates those who have recently come into the church, and honors their shared fellowship in the body of Christ.

REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED

"We Remember Them"

At the rising sun and at its going down;

We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;

We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;

We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;

We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;

We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends;

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength;

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart;

We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make;

We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share;

We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs;

We remember them.

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us;

We remember them.

As each name is read, a bell will ring for our deceased parishioners and a candle will burn to the honor of the departed loved one. The bell that rings is no death knell. This is a signal of love and faith. We pray the sound of the bell will ring through the veil and resound with love on the other side. May the ringing of this bell bring comfort, love, and encouragement to our departed brothers and sisters!

The names of deceased parishioners are read and their candle is lit.

The names of our departed family and friends are read.

(Please refer to the bulletin insert for the complete list of names.)

CELEBRATING NEW SAINTS

Brothers and sisters, join me in giving thanks for those throughout the world who have been baptized into our faith and our family. By virtue of baptism and by the work of your Spirit, we claim them as members of Christ's body, and we welcome them as brothers and sisters. And so, we pray:

God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and those most dear to us who rest in you. Bless also those brothers and sisters throughout the world who through baptism have joined our family. Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the church on earth and the church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"I Will Rise"

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

There's a peace I've come to know,
Though my heart and flesh may fail;
There's an anchor for my soul;
I can say, "it is well."

Jesus has overcome,
And the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won.
He is risen from the dead.

(Refrain - All)

**And I will rise when he calls my name:
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings,
Before my God fall on my knees,
And rise, I will rise.**

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers)

There's a day that's drawing near,
When this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear,
And my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome,
And the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won.
He is risen from the dead.

(Refrain - All)

**And I will rise when he calls my name:
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings,
Before my God fall on my knees,
And rise, I will rise.**

(Bridge - Music Ministers / All)

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!"

(Final Refrain - Music Ministers)

I will rise when he calls my name:

No more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagle's wings,

Before my God fall on my knees,

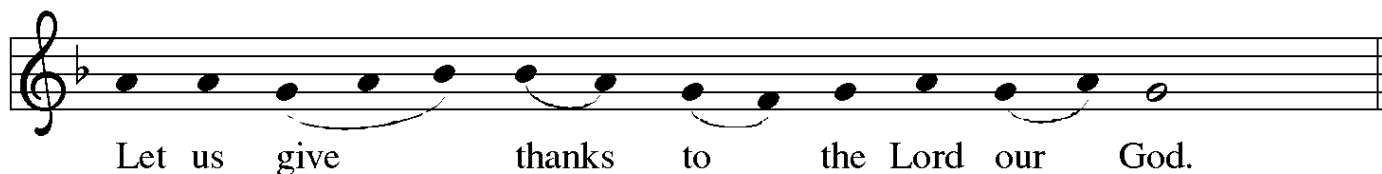
And rise, I will rise.

I will rise!

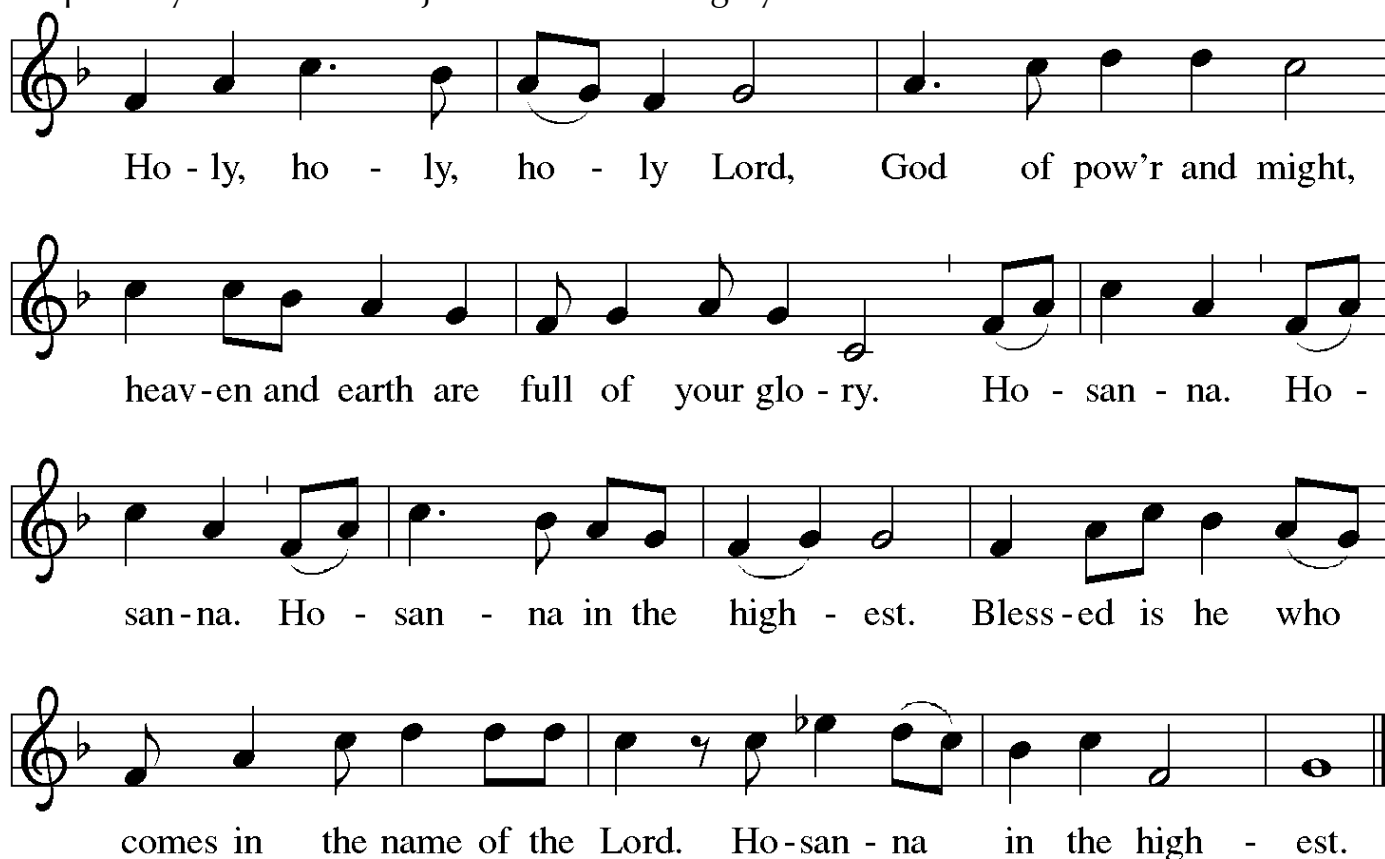
OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.
 By the witness of your saints
 you show us the hope of our calling
 and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
 that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
 And so, with all the saints,
 with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

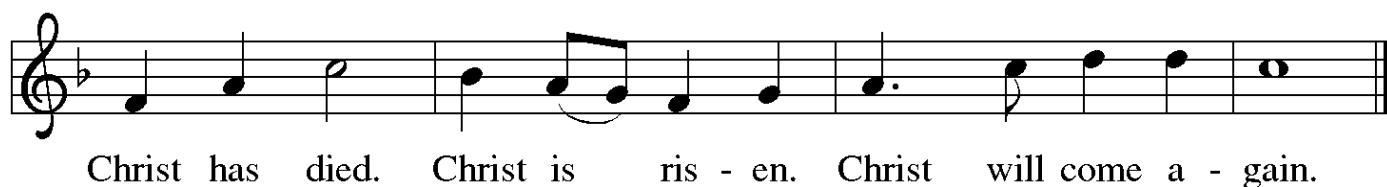
Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.
 You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys,
 and taught them by the prophets.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him
 may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread,
 and gave thanks; broke it,

and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

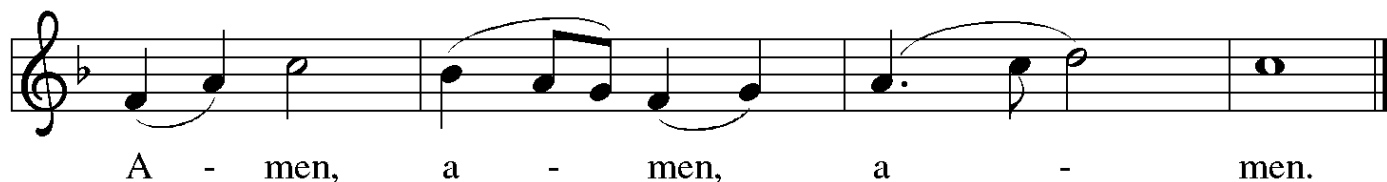
Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
and make us one in this community of faith
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High,
now and forever.



** LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

For those communing at home or in the pew:

COMMUNION — *Receiving the Lord's tangible presence*

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Each person may respond: **Amen.**

Communion Statement ~ We believe that the communion table is not Pr. Mallory's table, Good Shepherd Lutheran's table, or even the ELCA's table. This is God's table. And because this is God's table, we believe that anyone who wishes to receive communion can come forward and do so without condition or qualification.

Please note that we provide a non-alcoholic option (white) for those who do not want to partake of the communion wine (red). We also have gluten-free wafers available for those who need them. Simply let Pr. Mallory and the communion assistants know that you need something different when they come to you.

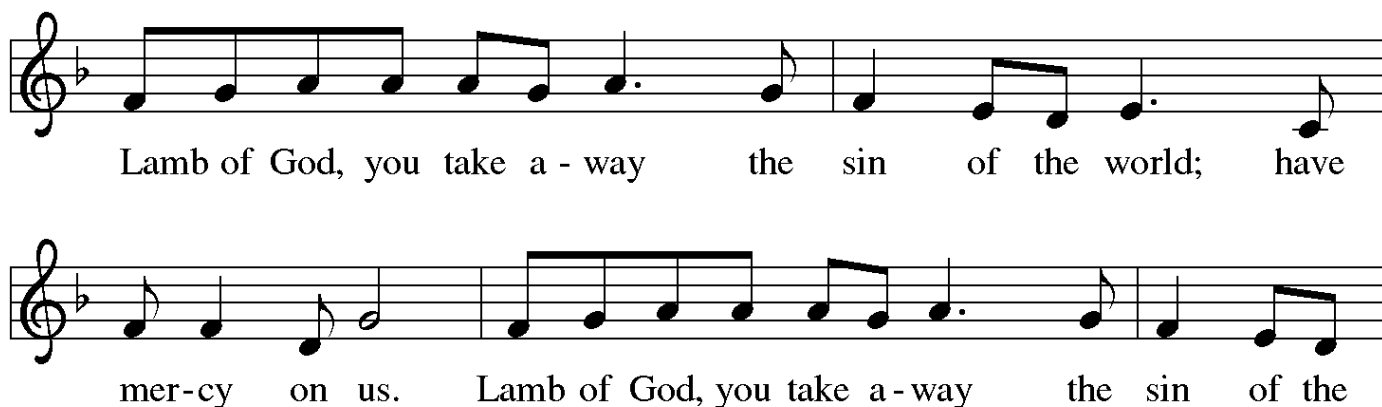
If anyone wishes to come forward and receive a blessing instead of communion elements, you are welcome to come forward to the communion rails with your arms crossed over your chest in the shape of an "X" instead.

If mobility concerns make it difficult to come forward for communion, you can alert the ushers, and they will let Pr. Mallory know to come to you.

REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION

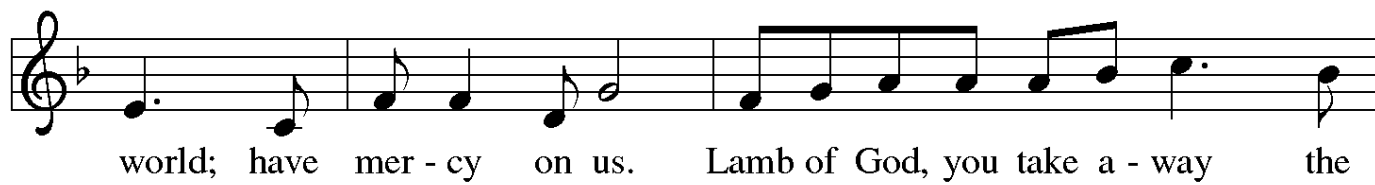
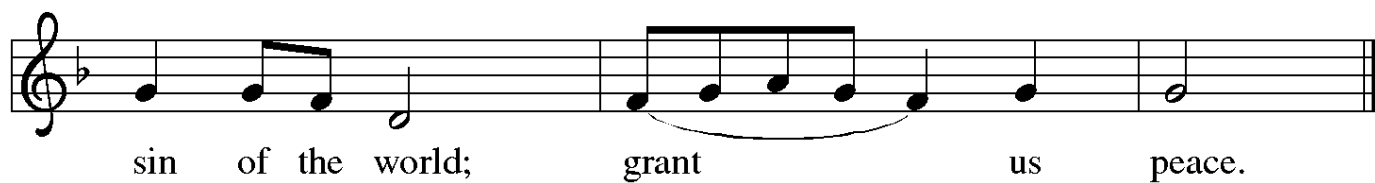
As we prepare to receive the sacrament today, may we quietly take this time to center ourselves on Christ and ponder the amazing gifts of grace and forgiveness that we have been given. As we receive the body and the blood of our Lord, let us reflect upon His sacrifice. Finally, may we take this time to ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, and then to work in us and through us each and every day.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



COMMUNION HYMN

"Taste and See"

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Refrain

Lord; for God has been so good to me.

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth-er let us

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered

me; from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for

noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

**** TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and always keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

**** SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent. The presiding minister may lead this prayer of sending.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

** BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

** SENDING HYMN

"When the Saints Go Marching In"



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
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num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

** DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Created, saved and gifted by God,

we seek, serve and share Jesus Christ. Hallelujah, thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“W + 2” = WORSHIP PLUS TWO

**MAKE A COMMITMENT NOT ONLY TO WORSHIP EACH WEEK,
BUT ALSO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO SERVE IN THE CONGREGATION
AND SEEK OUT A WAY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.**

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Daniel Payne, teacher, pastor, 1893 (TFF)

Monday, November 2, 2026

Educator Daniel Payne organized a school for African Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, that eventually became the largest school in Charleston. In 1835 the school was closed when the General Assembly of South Carolina passed a law preventing free African Americans and slaves from operating schools. Payne eventually enrolled in Gettysburg Seminary and was ordained by the Franckean Synod of Upper New York. No call was available to him in the Lutheran church, so he served a Presbyterian congregation in East Troy, New York. He went on to found Wilberforce College in Ohio.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873;

Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719;

Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918;

missionaries

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.